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Media Advisory

Who: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Commission (MRC)
What: Open House Aboard the M/V *Mississippi*, MRC's Flagship
Where: Melvin Price Locks and Dam, Alton, Ill.
When: Friday, August 20, 2004, 1-4 p.m.

St. Louis, Mo. – -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, will conduct an open house aboard the Corps of Engineers' M/V (Motor Vessel) *Mississippi*, which will be docked at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Alton, Ill., from 1 to 4 p.m., Friday, August 20.

The public is invited to take a self-guided tour of the Corps' largest diesel towboat. The M/V *Mississippi* is 241 feet long, 58 feet wide and five stories high. Three 2100-hp diesel engines power the vessel. Its primary mission is to move barges in support of bank stabilization work on the lower Mississippi River. However, each spring and late summer, the Mississippi River Commission conducts a series of public meetings aboard the vessel, with the late summer trip including the St. Louis area.

This year the St. Louis District will host its public meeting on Aug. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam. An open house will follow from 1 to 4 p.m. The public is invited aboard and will have the opportunity to talk with Corps of Engineers' representatives, as well as the motor vessel's crew.

For more information, or if you require special accommodations, contact the National Great Rivers Museum at 618-462-6979.

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Editor's Note: Pictures of the M/V *Mississippi* are available for publication. If interested please contact the Public Affairs Office at 314-331-8068/8002.